

YEAR 6

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE CLASS TEACHER

This questionnaire is for the Year 6 class teacher.

It asks about the physical environment of the classroom, the class structure, the school ethos and the stresses and strains you may be feeling.

We would be grateful if you could answer all questions, but if there are any you feel are inappropriate please put a line through them.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP

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SECTION A: ABOUT THE CLASS

What	is the age r	ange of cl	hildren <u>in your c</u>	lass?		
		years	months	year	rs	months
	from	•		to	•	
a)	How mar	_		e class register	?	
b)		g of this so	chool year?	excluded from	_	
		for a	a fixed term		peri	manently
c)	How man	ny are enti	tled to free scho	ol meals?		children
d)				(or are in the p	rocess of t	pupils
e)	For how 1	many chil	dren in your cla	ss do <u>you</u> have	-	
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A2.	f) How many cl they come to		lass keep th	ieir <u>own regul</u>	ar medication when
	.			N	o. of children
	(i)	Ventolin/inhal	er for asthn	na	
	(ii)	Ritalin			
	(iii)	Other (please and state name	_		
A3.	Approximately for w register do you feel y might be impaired by	ou have ground	s for concer	rn because the	child's development
	100%	1		25-49%	4
	75-99%	2		10-24%	5
	50-74%	3		less than	10% 6
A4.	How many children language?	in your class are	from home	es where Engli	sh is not the first
		children			
A5.	In this class are there	ability groups ((or setting)	for:	
			Yes	No	
	(i) Litera	acy	1	2	
	(ii) Math	S	1	2	
	(iii) Other (pleas	se describe)	1	2	

A6.	a)	•	nildren in your class have problems of health, behaviour, n, hearing or development which you consider affects their in school?			
			children			
	b)	How many cl	nildren in your o	class are receiving	the follow	ing:
					No. o	f children
		(i)	Remedial read	ling help		
		(ii)	Remedial mat	hematics help		
		(iii)	Formal help w	vith behavioural d	ifficulties	
		(iv)	Music lessons	during class time	;	
A7.		oximately how one, write 00.00	•	reek does the class	-	
				hours	mins	_
		a) Literacy/E	English			
		b) Numeracy	y/Maths			
		c) Science				
		d) ICT/Com	outing			
		e) History				
		f) Geography	y			
		g) Design &	technology			
		h) Art				
		i) PE/games/	dance			
		j) Music				
		k) RE				
		1) Personal a	nd social			

education

	a) b) c)	Numeracy Literacy Science	Very 1 1	2 2 2	Not 3 3
A9.	In the	past year, has there been a	nny class discussi Yes	on/teaching on: No	Don't know
		a) Cigarette smokingb) Sex educationc) Drug/solvent abused) Healthy diete) Exercise	1 1 1 1	2 2 2 2 2	9 9 9 9
A10.	a)	How often is homework not at all occasionally (less once a week) once a week 2-4 times a week every day	s than 2		o A11 on page 8

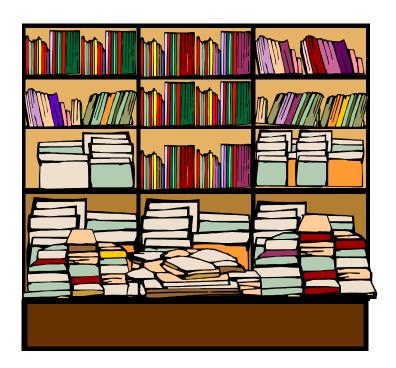
How confident are you about teaching the following to this class:

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A10.	b)	Which members of your class are usually given homework?
		only the most able
		only the least able 2
		all are given homework 3
		no homework is given 4
	c)	Is the homework:
		confined to reading and study tasks
		part reading/study and part assignments due for teacher checking
		confined to assignments due for teacher checking
	d)	On average, how long do you expect pupils in your class to spend on a typical piece of homework?
		up to 10 minutes $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 11-20 \text{ minutes } \end{bmatrix}$ 21-30 minutes $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 11-20 \text{ minutes } \end{bmatrix}$
		31-40 minutes 4 more than 40 minutes 5
	e)	What do you do if pupils do not do their homework? (Tick all that apply)
		(i) Ask them to do it another time 1
		(ii) Use sanctions or punishments 1
		(iii) Other (please describe) 1
		(iv) Do nothing
	f)	What contribution do you think homework makes to pupils' learning?
		large small no contribution 2 contribution 3

A11. Are the children in your class given homework or projects to do during half term and/or school holidays?

Yes 1 No 2



SECTION B: THE TEACHING STAFF

B1.		nany of the following p e teachers who do indiv	_	-	
				No. of male	No. of female
	a)	Full-time teachers (inc	cluding yourself)		
	b)	Part-time teachers (inc	cluding yourself)		
	c)	Paid classroom assista	ants (not teachers)		
B2.	How n	nany <u>unpaid</u> adult assis	tants help with your	class?	
			No. of male	No. of female	
		(i) parents	3		
		(ii) volunte	eers		
В3.	How n	nany sessions in the las	t 3 months has temp	orary staff cover	r been used?
		never	1		
		1-10 sessions	2		
		11-20 sessions	3		
		21-30 sessions	4		
		31 or more sessions	5		

B4.	a)	How long have you been a teacher at this school?
		< 1 year 1 1-2 years 2 3-9 years 2
		10 or more years 4
	b)	Are you: Male 1 Female 2
	c)	How long have you taught altogether? < 1 year 1-2 years 2 3-9 years 3 10 or more years 4
	d)	Please give the year in which you qualified for teaching (If none, write NONE and go to C1).
	e)	Please list your teaching qualifications.

SECTION C: THE ENVIRONMENT

C1.	How n	How noisy is your school classroom usually?					
	a)	Noise	from outside the school (tick all that apply):				
		(i)	Continuous loud noise (e.g. heavy machinery, etc.)	traffic,	1		
		(ii)	Intermittent loud noise (e.g. rush-h plane taking off)	our traffic,	1		
		(iii)	Continuous moderate noise		1		
		(iv)	Intermittent moderate noise		1		
		(v)	Usually quiet		1		
	b)	Noise from within the school perimeter (e.g. playground, other cla					
		(i)	Noise of other classes through the walls of yo		classroom:		
			can hear clearly and is a problem	1			
			can hear clearly but not a problem	2			
			can hear but not clearly	3			
			hardly ever hear	4			
		(ii)	Noise of people moving around the	e school (e.g.	along corridors		
			can hear clearly and is a problem	1			
			can hear clearly but not a problem	2			
			can hear but not clearly	3			
			hardly ever hear	4			

C1.	c)	Is there double glazing in	the outside windo	ows?	
		Yes 1	No ₂		
The s	chool b	uilding(s):			
C2.	Do yo	u feel there is overcrowdir	ng:		
			Yes serious	Yes occasional	No
	a)	For the staff:	1	2	3
	b)	For the pupils:	1	2	3
	If <u>yes</u>	, to either of the above,			
	c)	Is this affecting the quali	ty of education tha	t you are providin	g?
		Yes, a great deal 1	Yes, sometim	nes 2	No 3
	d)	Are there aspects of a schecause of lack of spaces		at you are having	to restrict or omit
		Yes No	2		
	If <u>yes</u>	, please describe			

SECTION D: STRESSES AND STRAINS

Often teachers nowadays are under considerable stress. The following questions will enable us to assess your well-being, and have been used in many studies.

Please	e indicate the way you feel	Very	Often	Not very	Never
		Often	Often	often	Nevel
D1.	Do you feel upset for no obvious reason?	1	2	3	4
D2.	Do you get troubled by dizziness or shortness of breath?	1	2	3	4
D3.	Have you felt as though you might faint?	1	2	3	4
D4.	Do you feel sick or have indigestion?	1	2	3	4
D5.	Do you feel that life is too much effort?	1	2	3	4
D6.	Do you feel uneasy and restless?	1	2	3	4
D7.	Do you feel tingling or prickling sensations in your body, arms or legs?	1	2	3	4
D8.	Do you regret much of your past behaviour?	1	2	3	4
D9.	Do you sometimes feel panicky?	1	2	3	4
D10.	Do you find that you have little or no appetite?	1	2	3	4
D11.	Do you wake unusually early in the morning even when you haven't been woken by any children you may have?	1	2	3	4

		Very Often	Often	Not very often	Never
D12.	Do you worry a lot?	1	2	3	4
D13.	Do you feel tired or exhausted?	1	2	3	4
D14.	Do you experience long periods of sadness?	1	2	3	4
D15.	Do you feel strung-up inside	? 1	2	3	4
D16.	Can you go to sleep all rights	? 1	2	3	4
D17.	Do you ever have the feeling you are going to pieces?	1	2	3	4
D18.	Do you often have excessive sweating or fluttering of the heart?	1	2	3	4
D19.	Do you find yourself needing to cry?	1	2	3	4
D20.	Do you have bad dreams which upset you when you wake up?	1	2	3	4
D21.	Do you lose the ability to feel sympathy for others?	1	2	3	4
D22.	Can you think as quickly as you used to?	1	2	3	4
D23.	Do you have to make a special effort to face up to a crisis or difficulty?	1	2	3	4

SECTION E: YOUR PERCEPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below about your school

E1. **Expectations and standards:**

		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
a)	The school gives high priori to raising pupils' standards of achievement	ity 1	2	3	4
b)	The teachers have high expectations of the pupils' standards of achievement	1	2	3	4
c)	The school sets educational goals that are appropriate for each pupil's ability to achieve	1	2	3	4
d)	The standards set for pupils at this school are not high enough	1	2	3	4
e)	All teachers set homework every week for their classes	1	2	3	4
f)	All teachers mark and return homework promptly	1 1	2	3	4
g)	All teachers start their classes on time	1	2	3	4
h)	The teachers spend all of the time in lessons teaching or of learning activities for pupils	on 1	2	3	4
i)	Teacher absenteeism is low at this school	1	2	3	4
j)	Poor performance by teache is not tolerated in this school		2	3	4

E1.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
k)	All teachers expect high standards of behaviour in class from their pupils	1	2	3	4
1)	All pupils are required to come to lessons on time	1	2	3	4
E2.	Staff unity on school values	s and practice	s:		
a)	Teachers at this school believe that all pupils can achieve regardless of their social background	1	2	3	4
b)	Teachers at this school are all committed to the school's aims and values	1	2	3	4
c)	Teachers follow the same set of rules about pupil behaviour	1	2	3	4
d)	There is general agreement amongst the teachers about what are effective teaching approaches	1	2	3	4
e)	There is unity between teachers and the headteacher on the school's aims and valu and how these are implement through teaching and learning	ues ted	2	3	4
f)	Teachers and the headteache agree on how teachers and pupils should behave toward each other	1	2	3	4
g)	There is a lot of disagreement between staff	1	2	3	4

E2.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
h)	There are some staff who do not support the headteacher's aims and policies for the school	s 1	2	3	4
E3.	Teacher-pupil reactions in	the school:			
a)	Teachers are only interested in the pupils who do well in tests and examinations	1	2	3	4
b)	Teachers show respect towards pupils	1	2	3	4
c)	Pupils show respect towards teachers and other staff	1	2	3	4
d)	Teachers and pupils get on well in this school	1	2	3	4
e)	Teachers take care to ensure that their teaching is appropriate for pupils with special educational needs	1	2	3	4
f)	Pupils' views are listened to and taken seriously	1	2	3	4
g)	Pupils organise activities for themselves	1	2	3	4
E4.	Pupil performance monitor	ring and rewa	rds in the sch	ool:	
a)	A pupil who works hard or makes good progress is noticed and praised	1	2	3	4

E4.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
b)	The school has a system for rewarding pupils who work hard and/or make good progreven if they do not get high standards	1 ress	2	3	4
c)	The school regularly monitor pupils' actual attainments against those expected given their prior attainment or abili	1	2	3	4
d)	Pupils who are under- achieving are identified and attempts made to motivate th	1 nem	2	3	4
E5.	Home-school relationships:	:			
a)	The school frequently communicates its expectations of pupils to parents and governors	1	2	3	4
b)	Parents are regularly informed about the progress and achievements at school of their child	1	2	3	4
c)	If a pupil seriously infringes school rules parents will be informed immediately	1	2	3	4
d)	There is a high level of parental support for their child's learning at school	1	2	3	4
e)	Dealing with parental complaints and lack of co- operation from parents takes up a lot of teacher and schoo management time		2	3	4

E5.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
f)	Parents give a lot of support to the work of the school	1	2	3	4
g)	Conditions in the pupils' home environment adversely affect their learning	1	2	3	4
E6.	Pupil attitudes to learning:				
a)	Most pupils at this school want to do well in tests and exams	1	2	3	4
b)	Pupils who get good marks or work hard are teased by the other pupils	1	2	3	4
c)	Most pupils at this school are interested in learning	1	2	3	4
d)	Many pupils don't do as well as they could because they are afraid that other pupils won't like them as much	1	2	3	4
e)	There is good extra- curricular provision in this school	1	2	3	4
f)	There are very few pupils at this school whose behaviour in class prevents other pupils from learning	1	2	3	4
g)	Most pupils behave well in class	1	2	3	4

E6.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
h)	There is not much bullying or name-calling of each other by pupils		2	3	4
E7.	Teacher involvement in th	e school:			
a)	Teachers participate on a regular basis in the development of school police	1 ties	2	3	4
b)	Teachers at this school are often involved in activities that improve pupils' enjoyment of school	1	2	3	4
c)	Teachers are encouraged by the head teacher to be involved in school improver activities	1	2	3	4
d)	Teachers are actively involved in creating school development or improvement plans	1	2	3	4
e)	The head teacher takes most of the decisions with little staff consultation	1	2	3	4
E8.	What proportion of parents	attend parent	s' evenings:		
	Almost all About two-th	irds Ab	out half Mu	uch less than hal	f
	1 2		3	4	

SECTION F: YOUR OPINION OF YOURSELF

Below are some statements. Please say how true they are of you.

		Almost always true	Often true	Sometimes true	Seldom true	Never true
F1.	I feel that I am a person of worth, at least equal to others	1	2	3	4	5
F2.	I feel I have a number of good qualities	1	2	3	4	5
F3.	I am able to do things as well as most other people	1	2	3	4	5
F4.	I feel I do not have much to be proud of	1	2	3	4	5
F5.	I take a positive attitude towards myself	1	2	3	4	5
F6.	Sometimes I think I am no good at all	1	2	3	4	5
F7.	I am a useful person to have around	1	2	3	4	5
F8.	I feel I cannot do anything right	1	2	3	4	5
F9.	When I do a job I do it well	1	2	3	4	5

		Almost always true	Often true	Sometimes true	Seldom true	Never true
F10.	I feel that my life is not very useful	1	2	3	4	5
F11.	I am unlucky	1	2	3	4	5





SECTION G: YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS TEACHING

		Strongly agree	Mildly agree	Can't say	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree
G1.	I really enjoy teaching	1	2	3	4	5
G2.	I would prefer to get out of teaching	1	2	3	4	5
G3.	I like the challenge of making children understand	1	2	3	4	5
G4.	I really enjoy teachi numeracy skills	ng 1	2	3	4	5
G5.	Changes in the curriculum are an exciting challenge	1	2	3	4	5
G6.	Being a teacher is really worthwhile	1	2	3	4	5

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SECTION H:

Н1.	This question	onnaire was comp	oleted by:						
	a)	The class teach	her ₁						
	b)	Other (please describ	be) 1						
				day	month		year		
H2.	Date of com	pletion of this qu	iestionnaire			2	0	0	
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